



Salt Lake 2002 XIX Winter Olympic Games

EPICENTER Report

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National Weather Service Forecast - Central Wasatch Front

Today - Turning colder. Snow turning showery by late morning with a 40 percent chance of snow showers through the afternoon. Temperatures in the 40s early, falling to 30-35 during the afternoon. Southwest winds 15-25 mph shifting to northwest this morning. Tonight - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of evening snow showers. Lows near 15. Northwest winds 10-20 mph diminishing. Saturday - Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 30s.

Executive Summary

Food Safety and Agriculture

Food safety inspection process is proceeding as anticipated. UDAF is working to resolve security issues surrounding food handling. Animal health inspections have identified no problems.

Temporary Mass Gatherings

Report not included as part of EPHA report.

Department of Environmental Quality

Red changed to green burn conditions for all counties along the Wasatch Front. Health advisories are lifted.

UDOH Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance (HSEES) System

Five releases, two non-petroleum and three petroleum, occurred in Olympic-related counties, including one propane spill that resulted in temporary evacuation of residents and students at a nearby school.

Disease and Injury Surveillance and Response

There are 187 laboratory confirmed influenza cases for the 2001-2002 influenza season. The number of reported cases this year may be increased due to greatly heightened surveillance efforts.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Activity

Twelve of 26 EMS agencies and 14 hospitals are submitting reports.

Media Relations Team (MRT)

Media covered air quality conditions. The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food prepared a statement summarizing its support of the Olympic rodeo competition and animal welfare protection during the Games.

Rapid Response Team (R2T)

Nothing to report.

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